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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant makes this submission in response to the Office action dated December 19, 2005 for the above noted application for which the period of response has been extended from January 19, 2006 to February 21, 2006 by a petition for extension of time and the fee submitted herewith and by the fact that February 19, 2006 was a Sunday and February 20, 2006 was a Federal holiday.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper and include both a replacement specification and an original specification with underline/strikeout markings.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 11 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

An Appendix A provides a replacement specification and is attached following page 14 of this paper.

An Appendix B provides a mark up of the original specification with amendments indicated by underlining and strikeouts and is attached following Appendix A of this paper.

An Appendix C provides annotated drawing sheets 1 - 9 showing amendments made to the drawings in red and is attached following Appendix B of this paper.

Replacement drawing sheets 1 - 9 are attached following Appendix C of this paper.